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A Word From The Bishop, Don Maier

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me."

Psalm 51:10 NRSV

Bishop's Reflections

Faith Renewal and an Intense Season

I treasure a fond remembrance of parish ministry. I envy you who dwell there for the season of Lent/Easter. Despite the intensity of it, or because of it, Lent always provided me with a structure for spiritual discipline that I find more difficult in my present Call. I benefited immensely from walking with a purposeful community during Lent; this is a more lonely walk. Perhaps for that reason, I treasure the Chrism Mass as an opportunity for me to bring a vital ministry to your intense and disciplined time. I offer an opportunity for you to receive what you also offer: confession and absolution, a renewal and affirmation of your calling in Christ, an offering of Word and Sacrament, plus a supply of anointing oil enough for a year. I have moved the Chrism Mass to the week before Holy Week this year. You are invited to Queen Anne Lutheran Church at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 12. Lunch is a bonus.

Toward the Spring of Life goes Global

In my article for The Spirit this month, I

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Bishop's Reflections

claim that our synod is in the forefront when it comes to catechumenal ministry in the ELCA. One other synod (Florida-Bahamas) has followed our lead in providing a training and consultation structure for congregations. Now, several from our synod, myself included, have been invited to introduce catechumenal ministry to the Church of Sweden in September. The disestablished church there sees the opportunity to turn its ministry to the unchurched. Closer to home, I will make a presentation on catechumenal ministry to the alumni gathering at our Philadelphia seminary in March.

Dissent and $'s

I have great sympathy for dissenters in our church. Twenty-five years ago I was a dissenter in another church body. Many with whom I shared the cause then advocated the withholding of benevolence as a method of making our point. I dissented from that notion, possibly because I had served as a foreign missionary and realized that such an action would only victimize many worthy ministries of the church. My argument was not with them. Withholding benevolence from the wider church still seems to me an unworthy form of dissent and an unworthy form of stewardship.

Tribute to Gib

A good many of you attended the Memorial Service for Bishop Gib Fjellman on Jan. 29. There went a bishop whom I and many of you respected very highly. Thanks be to God for his life and ministry!

Nurturing the Faith of Our Members

When visiting members of your congregation or visiting shut-ins do you often wish that you had something special to bring to them? How about bringing the gift of Rev. Walt Wangerin next time you visit?

Each Lutheran Vespers radio show is available on cassette, CD, or as a written transcript. Suggested donation is $120 per year for CD or cassette or $75 per year for the written transcript. You can place your subscription by contacting Brenda Engelby at the ELCA Lutheran Vespers office at 1-800-638-3522, ext 2967; or e-mail at bengelby@elca.org.

Walt Wangerin can be heard on Sunday at 7:30 a.m. on KIRO 710AM.

(Contact Ernie Fosse at 360-652-2909 or ErnieFosse@msn.com if your congregation or an indivudal in your congregation would like to support Lutheran Vespers to ensure that it will continue to be heard here in the Northwest.)

Constitutions Needed!

The Rev. W. Chris Boerger, Chair of the Constitutional and Legal Matters Committee, asks all congregations to send him their current constitution.

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Mark Your Calendars for Key Events

Financial Workshop for Congregations

All NWWA Synod financial leaders are invited to attend the workshop presented by the Synod Finance Committee from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 29, at Prince of Peace in Everett. All treasurers, financial secretaries, bookkeepers, finance committee members, and pastors are encouraged to attend.

The program will include presentation and discussion on financial policies, controls, audits, financial reporting, budgets, payroll, and taxes as they relate to congregations. Registrations will be mailed in March.

Bishop's Convos Scheduled

The following is just the basic information for the upcoming 2000 Bishop's Convocations. Please make sure that you have these dates available. More information will be forthcoming at a later date in Soundings.

The Spring Bishop's Convo will take place on Thursday, May 18, at Bethell, Shoreline. Dr. Tim Lull, president of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, Calif, is the speaker. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with worship at 9 a.m.

The fall Bishop's Convo will take place from Thursday, Nov. 2, though Saturday, Nov. 4, at Rosario Resort.

Stewardship Days in the NWWA Synod

One-day stewardship seminars for congregational stewardship leaders are planned for 2000. These seminars will feature: guided practice in stewardship program skills, learning from the experience of your peers, Biblical and theological insights, new materials for your annual stewardship program, and take-home materials for use in your congregation. For more information, contact Rev Philip Reitz, or Janet Nelson at Region 1 Office, 206-624-0093. You can e-mail Rev. Reitz at reitzpl@aol.com.

Dates and locations for the NWWA Synod are:

- Saturday, April 8--Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 215 Mukilteo Blvd, Everett; 425-252-0413. Registrar is Kathy Ostlund.
- Saturday, May 20--Messiah Lutheran Church, 805 Fourth Street NE, Auburn; 253-833-5280. Registrar is Carmen Ode.

Chrism Mass

This year's Chrism Mass will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 12, at Queen Anne, Seattle. More inforation in the April issue of Soundings.

Read the current issue of Soundings or The Spirit by simply logging on to our Synod web site at: www.lutheransnw.org. (You can also read past issues of the newsletters.)

Cathecumenate in the NWWA Synod

by Rev. Bev Piro, Catechumenate Ministries

The Northwest Washington Synod is nationally recognized as a leader in catechumenate ministry. The catechumenate is a process of faith formation and spiritual development for people inquiring into the Christian faith for the first time or returning to the church after a period of absence. The catechumenate involves several principles that are known to be effective in connecting people to faith and Christian community, such as congregational sponsors and small group discussions, but there is a distinctive character of the catechumenate that allows people to be mentored in faith while teaching them to learn to study the scriptures, pray, worship with the community and express faith in daily life.

The following congregations have an active catechumenate process to welcome newcomers to the faith.

Calvary, Seattle
Christ the Servant, Bellingham
Holy Trinity, Mercer Island
Phinney Ridge, Seattle
Prince of Peace, SeaTac
Renton, Renton
St. Andrew's, Bellevue
St. Luke's, Bellevue
St. Matthew, Edmonds
Spirit of Christ, Everett
Trinity, Lynnwood

If you are interested in learning more about the catechumenate and the gifts that it offers to the church, call one of these churches and ask the Pastors or lay leaders how it is transforming their congregations to be welcoming places for people who are seeking to know Christ better.

Toward the Spring of Life is the annual training event for those who want to learn more about the catechumenate. During an intensive weekend the catechumenate principles are taught by local practitioners and then the principles of worship, study, prayer and sacramental living are practiced. The training is geared for congregational teams which include a pastor and several lay people. ***Toward the Spring of Life*** will take place the weekend of November 3-5, 2000 at the Dumas Bay Retreat Centre in Federal Way. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. A registration form may be found in this issue of Soundings. Contact me at 206-542-1314 for more information.

Share Your Song

Is your congregation singing a new hymn or has your congregation composed an original hymn? If you'd like to share your hymn with the Synod and possibly have it included at the 2000 Assembly, please call Vicky Thomas, Our Savior in Issaquah, at 425-392-4169.

The 2000 Synod Assembly will be held Friday, June 16, and Saturday, June 17, at Salem, Mount Vernon.

Lutheran Caucus Meets

Discussion of the recent book, *Amazing Grace* by Kathleen Norris, in particular the chapter on "Conversion: The Feminist Impasse," will be the program for the next meeting of the Puget Sound Chapter of the Lutheran Women's Caucus. This meeting will be held at 11:45 a.m. on Saturday, April 1, at Central, Seattle. The meeting will begin with shared finger food and participants are asked to bring their own mug or cup for beverages. All are welcome. For more information, contact Sarah (Sally) Wing at 425-747-5924.

Active Citizen Training

University Lutheran, Seattle, has received an ELCA leadership development grant. The grant was awarded to establish a broad-base organization built upon one-to-one relational meetings within the congregation and in the community. This will be done based upon the premise that by telling our individual and corporate stories we build relationships within the congregation and with the community.

This Active Citizen Training will be held on two separate Saturdays: March 4 and 18. The training will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Mercer Island United Methodist Church, 7070 SE 24th Street. For more information, contact Ron Moe-Lobeda, University Lutheran, at 206-525-7074; or John Lindsay, St. James, at 206-767-5940. To register contact Gary McNeil of the Puget Sound Industrial Area Foundation at 206-762-9830.

Stewardship Conference at Luther Seminary

Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, is sponsoring a stewardship event called: *Stewardship 2000: Looking Stewardship Straight in the Eye.*

This event for clergy will take place from August 25 to 27. Walter Brueggemann and Kennon Callahan are the keynote speakers. A variety of workshops will also be available.

Cost is $95 ($125 for couples). Through a generous donor that fee will cover everything, including airfare and hotel accommodations. This is by invitation only. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Synod office at 206-783-9292 or 1-800-244-6997.

Courses On-line!

Beginning this fall, Trinity Lutheran College, Issaquah, is introducing three college courses for credit using the Internet.

- Gospel of John
- Introduction to Youth Ministry
- Cross-cultural Communication

Web-based Distance Learning is a great option for students who have travel and/or scheduling conflicts, for people that are earning their AIM (Associate in Ministry) theological education credits, or for personal enrichment.

Trinity, in partnership with the ELCA Division for Ministry, presents a curriculum that matches the ELCA theological education requirements for AIMs. For more information, contact the Office of Admission at 425-961-5510 or e-mail admission@tlc.edu.

Consultation To Clergy

Consultation to Clergy is again offering the successful workshop for professional church workers called *Ministry, Vocation, and Family Workshop.*

This workshop is scheduled for May 8 to 10 at Gethsemane, Seattle. This highly acclaimed workshop will again be led by career counselor Larry Gaffin who has extensive experience in parish and campus ministries. He is skilled in helping church professionals clarify their vocation, family, and personal goals.

The $250 workshop cost covers pre-session testing materials, workshop tuition and materials, and an individual session with Gaffin. Funding assistance may be available. For more information or registration, contact Dr. David Kruger, Director of Consultation to Clergy, 911 Stewart St., Seattle 98101 or voice mail at 206-623-8193. All registration and workshop processes are confidential.

In order to allow time for the pre-workshop testing and evaluation, all registrations must be received by April 8.

LATCH Has Moved

Did you know that Lutheran Alliance To Create Housing (LATCH) has a new home? They are now located in the lower level of the education wing at Crown, Seattle. They might have a new address but their telephone numbers do remain the same:

8757 15th Ave NW
Seattle, WA 98117
Administration--206-789-1536
Housing--206-789-3706
Fax--206-789-1825

An Invitational Conference

An invitational conference titled *Leadership, Religion, and Community: Purposes & Practice* will be held Thursday, March 2, through Saturday, March 4, at Plymouth Congregational Church in downtown Seattle.

Ronald Heifetz is the guest speaker. Heifetz is the author of *Leadership Without Easy Answers* and is a lecturer at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

The conference begins with a reception/dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 2. Discussions will continue on Friday, March 3, at 9 a.m. On Saturday, March 4, the conference will again begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at noon. Cost is $100. For more information or to register call Plymouth Congregational Church at 206-622-4865 or Whidbey Institute at 360-341-1884.

Pre-Lenten Retreat for Pastors

The Journey to Wholeness: Reclaiming the Healing Ministry of Jesus is the theme of a pastors' retreat for March 2 to 3 at Pacific Lutheran University. Pastor and physician Ken Bakken will be the keynote speaker and will introduce a new Augsburg Fortress video resource on healing and wholeness he has helped to produce that is useful for a mid-week Lenten series. Retreat will include prayer and personal meditation. For more information call the Office of Church Relations at PLU at 253-535-7423.

Global Mission Event

The ELCA Global Mission Event will be held July 13 to 16 at Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) in Tacoma. Rick Rouse (PLU Director of Church Relations) and G. Lee Kluth are co-facilitators for the event. Watch the next issue of Soundings and The Spirit for more detailed information. For more information, contact Pastor Kluth at 425-252-1239.

"Buddhism, Christianity, and Global Healing"

A series of presentations are taking place from January through June to foster interfaith dialogue between Buddhists and Christians and intrafaith dialogue within the local Buddhist and Christian communities.

The next presentation will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29, at the Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 South Main Street, Seattle. The title for this presentation is: *Gender and Faith.* Speakers will be Dr. Valerie Lesniak, Faculty, School of Theology and Ministry, Seattle University; and Da C. Le, General Secretary, Vietnamese Buddhist Federation. For more information, contact Bryce Montgomery, Northwest Dharma Association at 206-441-6811 or e-mail at info@nwdharma.org; or the Rev. Dr. William Malcomson, Asia Pacific Task Force, at 206-568-1912 or e-mail at wlmalcom@halcyon.com.

Evening Classes at TLC

Spring quarter evening courses begin March 27 at Trinity Lutheran College (TLC). For more information on the courses below, contact the Office of Admission at 425-961-5510 or e-mail admission@tlc.edu.

- MN 300 Special Topic - Women in Ministry (1 credit)
- CE 300 Special Topic - What is Confirmation Anyway? (2 credits)
- CE 465 Diversity in Early Childhood Education (3 credits)
- CE 110 STARS Washington State Training and Registry System (2 credits) for childcare and early childhood preschool providers.

Parish Nurse Ministries

The Puget Sound Parish Nurse Ministries will hold an educational program development workshop from April 2 through 8 at the LOMA Retreat Center in Issaquah. Cost is $400, which includes food, lodging, and all course materials. This seven-day experiential workshop/ retreat will provide an opportunity for guided prayer, journaling, study, and counseling. For information call Carol Story at 425-259-5809 or Eileen Altenhofer at 206-824-3987.

LCN Opens New Office

Lutheran Counseling Network (LCN) opened a new office in January at Salem, 2529 North Laventure Rd, Mount Vernon. Michelle Nelson Sinn, M.A., is on staff. To reach the Mount Vernon office call 360-419-0336.

Worship 2000 Jubilee

Lifting Up Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever

A National Conference on Worship in the ELCA will be held from July 10 through 13 at Chicago's Navy Pier.

The conference will feature: Susan Briehl, Kathleen Harmon, Gordon Lathrop, Peter Mazar, J-Glenn Murray, Mary Oyer, Gail Ramshaw, Robert Rimbo, Don Saliers, Samuel Torvend, and John Witvliet.

Registrations for Worship 2000 Jubilee will be mailed to all ELCA congregations in February, including information about the conference fee. Registration materials are at: www.elca.org/dcm/worship/2000.html or www.augsburgfortress.org/events.

Doctor of Ministry Program at PLU

Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) in Tacoma is serving as a satellite site for Luther Seminary's Doctor of Ministry program. This is a program designed for pastors in the Pacific Northwest who wish to pursue additional graduate level studies designed to enhance their ministries.

Applications are now being taken for the next group that will begin the program in the summer 2000. Director Wendell Debner will meet with prospective students for a meeting from noon to 2 p.m. on Friday, March 10, at the University Center Regency Room at PLU. For more information or luncheon reservations call Dr. Rick Rouse, Program Coordinator, or Evelyn Reitan in the PLU Church Relations at 253-535-7423.

New Resources at Region 1

How to build a purpose-driven church

This video set, new to the Region 1 library, is of the three-day *Purpose Driven Church* Conference Lectures by Rick Warren of Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, CA. It offers a Biblical and balanced strategy to help your church grow warmer through fellowship, deeper through discipleship, stronger through worship, broader through ministry, and larger through evangelism. Session titles on separate videos include:

- Building a purpose-driven church
- Targeting your community for evangelism
- Attracting a crowd
- Building your congregation
- Structuring your church on purpose
- And much more!

To reserve this video, contact Region 1 Resource Center at 206-624-0093.

Planning a Mission Trip?

Many different and diverse groups traveled from all over the United States and Canada to do servant event works in the Texas-Mexico border area.

These groups were helped in their planning by staying at the Living Faith Center in McAllen, Texas. (The Living Faith Center is a ministry of Our Savior Lutheran Church, McAllen, Texas.)

Contact Teri Hovland, Director of Border Area Mission Ministries, at 1-956-631-6121.

Holden Youth Weekends

This year's theme is: *Practicing the Presence of God.* The speakers will discuss the questions of: "Why does God only seem real at retreats and church events?" and "How can you experience God's presence all the time?"

The speakers will discuss how God isn't just a "belief" but a living Presence that we can encounter in any and every moment of our life. Learn meditation, art exercises, and ancient spiritual practices that anyone can do to develop a closer intimacy with the God of Jesus and Christ.

Don't be late to register for one of these special weekends: Speaker for May 6 to 8 is Mark Yaconelli. Speaker for May 20 to 22 and May 27 to 29 is Nathan Frambach. For more information contact Sherryl Adair at 425-821-8316 or jscadair@msn.com. To register contact Liz Jenkins at 360-769-0294 or natbug@wa.freei.net.

Evergreen Youth TeleVision

A television workshop for grades 10 to 12 will be held from July 29 to August 6 at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma. For more information and application call 1-800-878-7280 or e-mail eytv@hotmail.com. Application deadline is Friday, March 31.

Yolanda Adams

Grammy Award-nominated gospel singer Yolanda Adams (*More Than a Melody, Yolanda...Live in Washington*) has signed an agreement with Odyssey, A Henson & Hallmark Entertainment Network, to star in upcoming music-based television projects being developed by the network. Adams has been called one of gospel's "hottest" voices. She has received many awards including five Grammy nominations.

Odyssey is a 24-hour programming service available through cable, Primestar satellite, and C-Band dish owners.

Northwest Lutherhostel

This fall the Pacific Northwest will host the first Lutherhostel in this region. The *Northwest Lutherhostel* will take place from September 18 through 21 at the LOMA Center for Renewal in Issaquah. The five-day retreat will feature Dr. Thomas Droege as the primary presenter, following a theme of *Health and Healing in the New Millennium.* Pastor June Eastvold (ret) will serve as worship leader.

Dr. Droege is currently associated with the Interfaith Health Resource Project at Carter Center in Atlanta, GA, and was formerly a professor of theology and counselor at Valparaiso University in Indiana.

For more information, contact 253-584-2558 or 253-759-6777; or e-mail at chhlrein@aol.com.

The Association of Older Adults (ALOA) sponsors Lutherhostels throughout the US and is supporting this program.

Youth and Family/ Ecumenical Outreach

Bethel, Shoreline, is planning to hire a Youth and Family/Ecumenical Outreach Worker with administrative skills. The position is open immediately. This is a full-time position with flexible hours. Call 206-362-4334 for more information or send resume to: PO Box 55518, Shoreline, WA 98155

Positions Open at Church Council of Greater Seattle

The Church Council of Greater Seattle has openings for the following positions. Copies of the job descriptions and other application materials may be obtained by contacting Mary Rolston at 206-525-1213. All positions are full-time.

Administrative Assistant

Provides support to the President-Director and the Associate Director for Program and Witness.

Annual Fund Coordinator

Develops and implements annual fundraising strategies on behalf of the general units and selected program units of the Church Council, including annual campaigns.

Associate Director for Finance and Administration

Serves as Chief Financial Officer and Personnel Officer for the Church Council.

Case Manager

Provides case management to youth and their families involved in the JOY! Initiative, a project of the Youth Chaplaincy Program of the Church Council.

Commercial Espresso Machine Needed

The Synod Faith Festival Committee is in need of a commercial espresso machine to use during this year's Faith Festival on Saturday, Sept. 30. Can you help? Please contact Bette Schneider, Faith Festival Chair, at 206-625-9790 or e-mail at schneidr@thewac.org.

Banners Need New Home

Saint Andrew's, Bellevue, has four blue Advent banners that are looking for a new home. If your church has a use for these banners please contact the Saint Andrew's office at 425-746-2529.

Newsletter Deadlines

Do you have something you want to share with other congregations in our Synod? Family news? Events? Workshops? Concerts?

Upcoming deadlines for Soundings and The Spirit are as follows:
April--Monday, February 28
May--Monday, April 3

Ideas and copy for the next supplement to The Lutheran magazine are due by April 14. The supplement will be included in the July issue. The supplement is a great place to share your photographs of events and celebrations.

All information and ideas can be sent to Margit Peiffle at: 21721 88th Ave. NE, Arlington, WA 98223; fax 360-435-5955; e-mail peifflepr@aol.com; telephone 360-403-9870.

Within Our Family

Prayers for Strength and Healing for...

† **Rev. Steve Grumm** who continues to heal.

To Keep in Our Prayers...

† The family of **Borghild Bromstad Olson.** Mrs. Olson died on Feb. 3 in Redmond at nearly 94 years of age. She and her husband, Pastor Christian G. Olson, were graduates of Augsburg College, and Chris of Augsburg Seminary. He was a Lutheran Free Church pastor, and died in 1969.

Congratulations to...

† **Rev. Herb and Akiyo Shao** on the birth of their baby daughter, Hanamei Szu-chun Shao, on February 4. Pastor Shao is pastor of Living Water Ministries, Bellevue.

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Gib Fjellman

pneumonia. Gib is survived by his loving wife Ceil, daughter Ruth, son Jon (wife Teri) and grandchildren Keely, Kaurie and Kelsey; his sister Burnice; and his brother, Dr. Carl Fjellman (wife Caroline). Memorial gifts may be given to the Millionaire Club Charity, 2515 Western Ave., Seattle, WA 98121; or to the Scholarship Fund of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary 2770 Marin Ave., Berkeley, CA 94708.

Please remember his wife, Ceil, and their family in your prayers. Ceil's address is: 6367 Sandpoint Way NE, Seattle, Washington 98115. We thank God for the abundant life and strong witness of this servant.

News and Notes

† Congratulations to the congregation of **Gethsemane, Seattle**, who are celebrating 115 years of serving downtown Seattle. Gethsemane is Seattle's oldest Lutheran congregation.

† And, congratulations to **First, Bothel,** whose members are celebrating 114 years and congratulations to **Ebenezer, Lake Stevens,** whose members are celebrating 90 years.

† Congratulations to **Rev. Kathryn Lee** (ret) of Clinton who was honored for *Faithfulness in Ministry* by Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN. This award is Luther Seminary's highest honor given to alumni by colleagues and peers. Lee was honored for her work in serving and developing mission congregations.

† **Gift of Grace, Seattle,** has a new web page: www.nwlink.com/~graced.

† **Holy Trinity, Mercer Island,** received the "Straw Hat" Award for outstanding service. The congregation has been involved with Habitat for Humanity before but this time they wanted to do it in six weeks and were successful. Pastor Woody Carlson and Beth Boylan spearheaded the project from Holy Trinity.

† **The Single Lutheran Baby Boomers** now have a website. Look for events and information at the following website: www.geocities.com/heartland/vista/2307.

† **SWWA Synod** has a new web site: www.bmi.net/knapp/elca.html.

† **Trinity, Everett**, collects items each month for Cocoon House, shelter home for teenagers in Everett. Cocoon House will house over 300 teens in 2000.

Dr. A. G. "Gib" Fjellman

The Reverend Dr. A. G. "Gib" Fjellman was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on April 27, 1917, the third of four children of Swedish immigrants, Anders Gustaf and Huldah Cornelia Fjellman. Baptized and confirmed at Saron Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids, he attended Augustana College from 1938 until 1942. He graduated from Augustana Lutheran Seminary in 1945.

On December 28, 1943, he married Lorine Cecelia Hoeger. Gib and his younger brother were ordained on June 10, 1945, with sixty other young seminarians at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moline, Ill. Later that month, Gib and Ceil moved west to Sun Valley, CA where Gib had been called to serve a mission parish (St. Michael's).

They left California in 1952 when Gib accepted a call as second pastor to Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Duluth, MN. Three years later Gib was called back to the West Coast as Regional Director of American Missions for the Augustana Lutheran Church.

Upon the Lutheran merger in 1962 that resulted in the Lutheran Church in America, Gib was elected President of the LCA's Pacific Northwest Synod. In the autumn of 1962 the family moved to the Magnolia neighborhood, Seattle. Gib and Ceil have been members of Magnolia Lutheran Church since that time. Gib's years as Synod President (after 1980, as Synod Bishop) saw many changes in both the church and the region.

Though Gib retired in 1983 he continued to serve both the Lutheran and the ecumenical communities. Among his activities included service as Chairman of the LCA's Division for Professional Leadership; ELCA World Mission Interpreter (together with Ceil); Director of Continuing Education at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma; and ELCA Appeals Committee. He was also called to serve as interim president of several church institutions. With a group of colleagues he organized the Pacific Northwest Lutheran History Days. His humor and sense of good order were treasured at the weekly pastors' study group at St. John, Seattle.

He died on January 20 at Swedish Hospital in Seattle of complications from

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